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The TV-TS Tapestry

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MONTHLY REPORT First let me opologize for the brevity of this letter. We had to get out information concerning the new facility (like, where it is) before we held our first function. Also, because the acquisition of our primary facility takes on the aura of a 'great leap forward', it's appropriate to spend our time reviewing what we're about, where we're going, and how we're going to get there. That means in order to get out the important stuff in time we had to skip over the interesting stuff, like the Forum, and a report on the Fair. In other words, this letter's going to be dull. But we'll make up for it next month. (God, with this month's news, next month's news and our membership and service directory due, we may not get next month's letter out till New Years.) (If you want to appreciate how much effort goes into a newsletter, put one out yourself sometime.)

This month was dominated by Fantasia Fair. I wasn't able to spend more than a day at the Fair, but I've had a chance to talk with several participants, and their comments were enthusiastic. (Except Diane's, but that's normal.) "Great time, good this, good that, can't wait till next year". Of course from Diane "grumble grumble bitch and complain" (being handcuffed to a chair by Sharon may have had something to do with that - but that's another story). However, by Diane's standards the grumbles were mild, which means this year's Fair was exceptional. Thanks for this year's success go to our own Diane and Delores, and especially to Jarah Chandler who I understand did a super job coordinating the whole affair.

Finally, disaster did not strike. We have our home, and we're moving in. YAY!!! I just talked with Diane, and she was actually cheerful. I'm telling you, great things are coming.

LOVE,

Merissa Sherrill Lynn

In this issue:

Boring Details
ie. Battle Plans, Constitutions, By-Laws, etc.

PLEASE READ

The objective of the Tiffany Club is to serve our people, to serve not only those who need us, but those who want us. The first part is relatively easy, get a telephone and talk to desperate people, make whatever referrals are useful to them, and get a facility so people can come out of their closet, overcome fear, meet others, dress till they no longer need a place to dress. It's the second part that's tough, trying to build an organization that people will belong to because they want to, not because they have to, and build an organization that does in fact cater to and serve our people.

Here's how we plan to do it:

BATTLE PLAN (from the beginning)

1.) Figure out what we were going to do and how we were going to do it. (accomplished!)

2.) Develop a constitution and set of by-laws into which our infant project could grow, to develop the structural tools that would provide the organization we needed to achieve our goals. (accomplished)

3.) Become a legal non-profit organization. (accomplished)

4.) Start building a communications network and a membership. (The Tapestry has a circulation of over 100, and our paid membership is over 80)

5.) Develop an active core membership, and get some activities going. (accomplished)

6.) Acquire a rented facility in the Greater Boston area that would be neat enough to suit our tastes, and large enough to suit our purposes. (accomplished)

7.) Work on the development of a Programs committee to plan activities that would cater to the wants and needs of us all.

8.) Continue to grow, building legitimacy, activity, and our capital. Continue to rent until there is enough money and security for the Tiffany Club to own property.

A.) The growth in capital would come from renting facilities with enough rooms to sublet. The income from subletting would be near enough to pay the rent, while General and Keyholder dues would make up the rest with money left over, with guest fees, storage fees and contributions as gravy.

9.) Continue to develop organizational stability and economic security to the point of affording paid personnel and owning property. (The Tiffany Club will at that time decide how to invest. Right now income property in the form of TV boarding houses and lounges seems the best bet.)

10.) Expand our ability to serve our people in the form of walk-in centers, hot lines, etc.

A.) A walk-in center is a critical stage of our development, perhaps the most important, for there we can drop our strict security requirements and be of honest and good service to ALL our people!

In order to meet our goals it is essential, at this stage of our development anyway, to nurture and protect our integrity, to maintain strict control over who will become active members (members who will live up to their obligations and protect the security of all), and to conduct Tiffany's affairs in a straight forward, impartial and businesslike manner.

The Tiffany Club, at this stage of our development is more in need of dependable people than anything or anyone else; people who will pay their bills, and perhaps lend a hand.

COMING EVENTS

TIFFANY CLUB

Beginning Tuesday, November 13, a guest fee of $6.00 will be charged to non-members and $5.00 to Special members. There is no charge for Guest, General and Keyholder members. This guest fee may be waived for a potential member's first visit, guests of members cleared by the Board of Directors, and those persons authorized by the Board. (See Membership in the constitution, and Guest policy in By-Laws.)

OPEN MEETINGS: 7pm - 11pm every Tuesday and Saturday beginning November 6. The spirit of these open meetings is to provide a quiet and relaxed evening among friends. Occasionally these meetings will be interrupted by a pre-scheduled event such as a business meeting, party, workshop, etc.

LINGERIE PARTY: 7pm-11pm Saturday, November 10. Diane will hostess an Undercover Wear Lingerie party, accompanied by her GG supervisor. All guests are invited to try on their favorite items.

For this event all guest fees have been waived.

THANKSGIVING: November 22, at Tiffany. What better way to spend the holiday than with your most beautiful sisters and friends.

For this function all guest fees have been waived. A contribution may be asked to help defray the cost of dinner. If you plan on attending, please let us know as soon as possible.

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KAY MAYFLOWER SOCIETY
OPEN MEETINGS: 7pm-11pm every Wednesday evening. Call 617-254-7389 ask for Kay.

MONTHLY PARTY: Last Saturday of every month.

ALBANY TVIC
MONTHLY MEETINGS: Third Saturday of each month September to June. For information, write: William Thordsen, 1104 Broadway, Albany, NY 12200

GREEN APPLE LOUNGE (Rt 1 Peabody Ma., Mr. John Prop., 617-535-9840)
F.I. shows seven nights a week 9:30pm and 12:30pm Weekends, 8:45pm and 11:45pm weekdays
MC Karl Houston This month's guests BUSTY O'SHEA, CHANITO

SHANGRI LA Annual TV event held in Gulfport, Miss. April 9-13, 1980. For information: Nancy Watson, P.O. Box 18202 Irvine, Cal. 92713

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Like a blithe spirit, or the abominable snowperson, I'm not sure which, perhaps more like a UFO in a dress, the mysterious Charlotte Vail was spotted at the Fair. She's either alive or a very pretty ghost. In any case, we're relieved.

KIM & CHRISTINE'S BAR

Opening late November, a bar for TVs, with private dressing rooms, shows, and all. According to Kim she's excited, and nervous. (aren't we all when a dream comes true?) Well we're excited too.
Pertinant Information:

TEMPTATIONS Bar
2090 Jericho Turnpike
East Northport, L.I. NY
516-543-9018

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by
Undercoverwear, Inc.
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Joyce Dewhurst, P.O. Box 1105
Woodside, NY 11377

Lingerie Party this Sat. 7pm - 11 pm at the Tiffany Club's new home! Great FUN, Gorgeous outfits. DONT FORGET!!